

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

Residents of Hanover Township interested in the welfare of youth and families are invited to apply for positions on the Committee on Youth, the volunteer board that serves in an advisory capacity to the Town Board on the needs of youth. Three of the members may be youth ages 15-18. Meetings are held monthly on Mondays at 7:00 PM. For information, please call the Director of Youth and Family Services at (630) 483-5799.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEMBERS

Chairperson

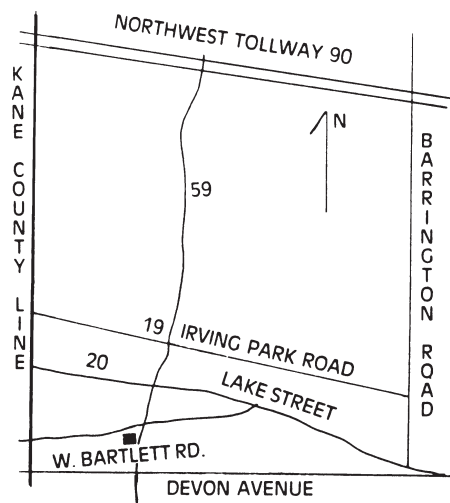
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OUR MISSION

To prevent juvenile delinquency and to promote positive development in young people by

- Strengthening families
- Providing outreach to children and teens at risk of school failure and delinquency
- Contributing to the building up of a healthier community for all Hanover Township youth

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We recognize that not all families are the same. We also know that all families go through transitions, many of which are difficult. Our approaches are based on respect for the strengths in families and in the community. We are honored to offer youth and families opportunities to prevent or work through difficulties.

DIRECT SERVICES

Outpatient Family Therapy

Experienced family therapists assist families to find solutions to problems that need professional attention. Examples include:

- Aggressive or fearful behavior
- School problems
- Delinquency
- Eating and sleeping difficulties
- Marital conflict
- Sense of hopelessness

Family therapy is available to families who are Hanover Township residents and have at least one child ages 0-19. Fees for therapy are charged on a sliding scale basis. No one is refused service for inability to pay.

Reflective Teaming

Families in outpatient family therapy may participate in a unique, therapeutic option. In Reflective Teaming, the family and the therapist share their work with a team who can provide additional ideas and support.

Spanish-Speaking Services

Bilingual, Spanish-English speaking therapists are available to speak with Spanish-speaking callers, provide family therapy, and participate in services to the community.

PREVENTION SERVICES

Youth Outreach

Outreach staff provide role modeling and services designed to increase positive alternatives for youth, especially those at risk of school failure and delinquency.

- Mentoring
- Homework help
- Groups
- Advocacy
- Linkage to resources

Open Gym and Fun Program

Youth ages 5-18 enjoy safe, supervised activities in school and park district gyms during summer, spring, and winter breaks. Board games, sports, and arts and crafts are offered in a drop-in atmosphere. This free program is a collaborative effort by Hanover Township, School District U-46, villages, police, park districts, and organizations.

Tutoring Services

Students in grades 1-9 are eligible for affordable tutoring during the school year. The goal is to increase understanding and skills in specific areas identified by the student's teacher and parent.

- Weekly, one-hour tutoring sessions
- Team of three certified teachers
- Small group of no more than 10 students
- Weekly communication with the parent
- Parent group

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Astor Avenue Community Center

Located at 7431 Astor Avenue in Hanover Park, the Community Center will offer a host of services designed to empower residents of all ages to acquire knowledge and skills to improve their lives. *Due to open in 2006.*

- After school programs
- Computer classes
- English as a Second Language classes
- GED classes
- Teen activities
- Job search help
- Family/community events

Speak Out! For Families

Staff developed this series of community education presentations on topics of interest and importance to families. The goal is to inform and encourage conversation within families and the community. Relevant topics include:

- Single Parenting
- Bullying
- Teen Dating, Relationships, and Sexuality
- Preschool Childhood Development
- Grandparents as Parents

Liaison

Staff work closely with the local municipalities and other service providers for the betterment of the community. Full-time therapists communicate regularly with key persons in the schools and police departments. Outreach staff plan prevention services with community leaders. Staff participate on local boards and networks that serve youth and families.

HOURS OF SERVICE

Monday through Thursday:
10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Friday:
10:00 AM to 4:30 PM